May 2004

# GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

# Summer Recreation Class Catalog Inside

# Lakeside Symphony Pops Concert

Saturday, May 8, 2004
Estrella Mountain Ranch
Gates open at 4:00 PM
5:15 PM - Arizona Winds
7:30 PM - The Phoenix
Symphony



The musical program will include such western selections as "The Cowboy Overture," "Yellow Rose of Texas," "Oklahoma!" "This Land is Your Land," and the theme from "The Wild, Wild West."

# Spectacular Fireworks Finale!



Blanket and low-lawn chair seating is designated. No alcoholic beverages can be brought in, but are available for sale. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are also for sale.

\$15 General \$10 Junior (Ages 11-16) Ages 10 and under free

Presented by the West Valley Fine Arts Council and Estrella Mountain Ranch with support from the City of Goodyear.

# Goodyear Action Team Helps Build Better Neighborhoods & Community



Goodyear Action Team members at work (counterclockwise from bottom right): Gail Bosgieter, Code Compliance Manager; Cayo Villa, Sanitation Worker III; Linda Dillard, Community Advocate; Lili Schuett, Neighborhood Manager; Christine McMurdy, Public Works Management Assistant; John Acosta, Sanitation Supervisor; Janeen Gaskins, Community Block Grant Funds; Police Chief Mark Brown, team leader; Sergeant Paul Marzocca, Police Community Services Supervisor; Officer Lisa Sontag, Block Watch and Neighborhood Response Specialist; Jennifer Torre, Recreation Supervisor; Ed Kulick, Senior Building Inspector; and Barbra Coffee, Economic Development Project Manager.

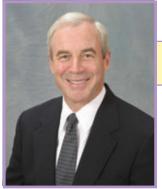
Proactively working to solve problems or eliminate situations that may eventually cause problems in our community is a key purpose of the new Goodyear Action Team (GAT) which is made up of members from Police, Community Development, Public Works, Economic Development, and Community Initiatives.

Members of this cross-departmental team serve as resources to one another. Meeting to talk through situations each has been dealing with has eliminated duplication of efforts and brought needed resources to our problem-solving efforts. Many times, members of this team will be present at neighborhood and Homeowners' Association (HOA) meetings to help identify needs of the neighborhood. If you know of a problem in our community that you think the Goodyear Action Team could help with, please call the Citizens' Office at 623-882-7800.

### City Names Director of New Water Management Department



Charles McDowell joined Goodyear as head of the City's newest department on April 5<sup>th</sup>. McDowell's 25 years of experience in the water/wastewater field in both private and public operations will be very beneficial to our City. He has been Director of Wastewater Services for the Portland, Maine Water District and held a senior management position for American Water Services in Atlanta. McDowell has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with a Minor in Chemistry from the University of Southern Maine and studied Water and Wastewater Technology at the New Hampshire Technical College.



**Mayor Jim Cavanaugh** 

With Council concurrence, I recently asked the City management team to take a hard look at how we do business as a municipality to make sure we warrant the trust of the public we are sworn to serve. We identified several target areas for examination, each possessing a history throughout government and private business for possible misappropriation

of funds and operational inefficiencies.

In January, our City Manager hired an independent auditor to conduct an indepth audit of credit card usage. The auditors ascertained that the current procedures and guidelines governing usage of credit cards were inadequate and need to be tightened up. The auditors questioned the use of credit cards for meetings and for the purchase of food. As a result, our Staff was directed to devise more restrictive guidelines for these purposes.

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Since very few employees charge more than \$500 per month, the spending limits were decreased to better match that reduced usage.

Long-term recommendations include reassessing the need for individual credit cards, revising disciplinary policies to improve controls and accountability, and reviewing credit card usage for near and distant travel requirements. Additionally, our internal finance staff will now audit 5% of monthly transactions each month.

### Mayor Reports on City Operational Effectiveness

In sum, improvements need to be made regarding policy and procedure. But, the most important finding was there were no instances of fraud or intentional misuse of cards for personal purposes. In other words, although administrative errors were made and will be corrected, if not already corrected, you can count on our people to carry out their duty with integrity.

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Well beyond the scope of an individual subject audit, we also began studying many aspects of general operations. The City Manager asked for volunteers to form an ad hoc employee team to explore strategies for reducing the City's budget by reducing costs and increasing efficiencies. The large number of employees (28) volunteering to assist strongly indicates that cost reduction is a commitment that permeates the entire organization.

As a result of this team's suggestions, we targeted specific line items in the budget that are common to all departments and studied each department's spending over the past three years. We were to adjust the budget to free up about \$150,000 that could support new programs or projects that otherwise would have required additional funding.

We also took an in-depth look at our fleet vehicle policies that saved us about \$120,000 this year. Rather than buy several new cars, used cars were reassigned between departments and underutilized cars were turned into "pool" cars for many employees to use.

Another employee committee analyzed the City's health and dental insurance plans. Upon the recommendations of this

committee, projected cost increases - 60% for the Preferred Provider
Organization (PPO) plan and 26% for the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan - were reduced to increases of only 13% across the board. By the dedicated work of this committee, more than \$200,000 in City premiums was saved through modest benefit modifications and cost shifting.

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I'm pleased with our assessment efforts to date, but reviewing operations and reporting results of such review should be considered a continuing responsibility of government. A periodic report of operations incorporating not only our accomplishments, but also those subjects needing improvement is our duty and a commitment to our citizens.

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# Your Input Sought on City's 2004/05 Budget

The City Council will review the 2004-05 draft budget at the May 17th Work Session at 5 p.m. at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd. The summary document will be available on-line following the Work Session.

Residents will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget at a Public Hearing on Wed., May 19 at 6 p.m. in Room 117 of City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. If you have questions, please call 623-882-7055.

# Goodyear Recreation Classes Summer 2004





City of Goodyear Aquatics and Recreation Division Public Works Dept. (623) 882-7531

# Summer Aquatic Programs

Goodyear Swimming Pool 430 F. I oma I inda Blvd.

### Pool Opens May 29!!

#### Pool Season:

The Goodyear Swimming Pool officially opens full time on Saturday, May 29th. The pool will stay open until Sunday, August 1st. The pool will be open on weekends until September 19th.

#### Pool hours:

Monday - Friday - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm & 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday - 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Pool admission prices:
Children under 3 - Free, Child (4 to 12) - \$.75,

Adult (13 - up) - \$1.00

The pool is available for rent on Friday and Saturday nights from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. The cost is \$50 an hour with a two hour maximum. Reservations are required and payment is due at the time of rental.

#### Swim Team & Dive Team:

Begins Monday, May 17th. Practices will be held in the afternoons until June 1st. Practice will then be held in the mornings during the week. Swim meets will be Thursday evenings. The season will conclude the week of July 12th.

#### Fees:

Residents and Non-residents - \$32 for the first child & \$25 for each additional child.

#### Swim lessons:

Registration for all sessions will take place on Saturday from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Classes offered will include parent/tot through level IIV. Each session consists of eight 35-minute lessons. Lessons are offered in the morning and evening.

#### Fees

Residents - \$20 per session per child Non-residents - \$30 per session per child

#### Sessions:

Session 1 - June 1st - June 11th

Session 2 - June 14th - June 25th

Session 3 - June 28th - July 9th

Session 4 - July 12th - July 23rd

Session 5 - July 26th - August 6th

#### Kegistration dates:

Session 1 - May 8th

Session 2 - June 5th

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Session 4 - June 26th

Session 5 - July 17th.

#### Special Events

#### **Saturday June 19th - 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

Attend a Luau at the pool. The Goodyear Pool will be turned into a tropical oasis. There will be food, fun and games for the entire family.

#### The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Saturday July 24th - 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
's almost time to go back to school. Celebrate the d of summer. There will be food, games and lots o

giveaways. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

For more aquatic information, you can call the Goodyear Pool at 623-932-4809 or visit the web site at www.goodyearaz.gov.

# Summer Classes - Register Now through May 28th

Registration for all of the recreation programs will take place at the Public Works Operations office located at 200 S. Calle Del Pueblo. For more information, call 623-882-7531.

Checks or exact cash are acceptable. NO credit cards will be accepted.

All classes are held at the Goodyear Community Center, 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd. (unless otherwise indicated)

# orning Youth Classes

#### Music Class

Parent/Tot Music Time 10am - 11am, Friday Children ages 6 months through 4 yrs with limited to 15 caregiver/child teams. No prior



A fun, interactive way for families to bring music into their home. Helps develop musical competency in young children child per caregiver. Fee: \$71 Resident; \$76 Non-resident

#### ABC'S and 123's

Mrs. Marlo's Classroom 10am - 11am, Thursday Mrs. Marlo has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary social skills. Fee: \$30 Resident; \$35 Non-resident

#### Craft Classes

Arts and Crafts 10am - 11am, Tuesday

6-week class starts on June 8th. Children ages 3 through 5. Children have fun creating art & craft projects that any parent would be proud to display. Art is one area where this is no right or wrong way of doing things - anything goes! Each child is unique in his/her artistic expression. **Fee: \$30** Resident; \$35 Non-resident

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#### Gymnastics Class

Tumbling/Gymnastics Class (level 1) 11am - 11:45am,

8-week class starts on June 10th. Children ages 3-6 routines.Fee: \$40 Resident; \$45 Non-resident

Sports Class
Preschool Sports 10:00am -11:00am, Wednesday 6-week class starts on June 9th. Children ages 3-5. Start Smart Sports Development is a program that teaches opportunity to work one on one with a parent. Teaches

### Fee: \$30 Resident; \$35 Non-resident

#### Science

Mad Science Camps There are two (2) 3 hour-long camps to choose from. Fee: \$25 Resident; \$30 Non-resident



<u>Che-Mystery</u> - Monday, June 7th -9 am - 12 pm. This is a one day camp for

smoke illusions! Understand polymers as you create an

Machine Mania - Monday, July 26 - 9 am -12 pm how wedges, screws and levers help us with our daily like lifting weights and launching marshmallows. Run how useful simple machines can be. Make and take

# Afternoon Youth Classes

#### Dance Classes

Preschool Dance 4 pm – 4:45 pm, Tuesday

8-week dance class starts on June 8th. Children ages 3-5. Instruction will focus on the technical skills of ballet and

Fee: \$40 Resident; \$45 Non-resident

Jazz/Ballet Combo 5 pm-6 pm, Tuesday 8-week dance class starts on June 8th.

All of these skills will be showcased into

jazz ensemble. Fee: \$40 Resident; \$45 Non-resident

#### Cheer/Hip Hop 6pm -7pm, Tuesday

8-week dance class starts on June 8th. Children ages 7-12. learn arm and feet positions, jumps, basic stunting, and cheer and hip-hop. Fee: \$40 Resident; \$45 Non-resident

#### Karate Classes

Basic Karate 6 pm - 7 pm, Thursday 8-week class starts on June 10th. Ages 6 and up. Students learn basic karate moves as well as strengthening and stretching routines. No uniform required.

Fee: \$45 Resident; \$50 Non-resident

Intermediate Karate 7 pm - 8 pm, Thursday 8- week class starts on June 10th. Ages 6 and up. techniques on a more advanced level. No uniform required.

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Preschool Sports 4:30 pm -5:30 pm, Thursday 6-week class starts on June 10th. Children ages 3-5 and non-threatening environment. Allows children the opportunity to work one on one with a parent. Teaches progresses and improvement is shown. Fee: \$30 Resident; \$35 Non-resident

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Tumbling/Gymnastics Class (level 2) 5 pm - 6 pm, Wednesday. 8 -week class starts on June 9th. Children ages routines. Fee: \$40 Resident; \$45 Non-resident

#### Tennis

#### Ralley Ball - YOUTH

The USA Team Tennis Ralleyball format is designed to allow kids ages 5-13 to play the game of tennis in an easy and fun way. They will learn the game, be on a team with their friends, and have a great time! No experience necessary! Players will learn skills during a one hour practice per week PLAYS! The season will begin with practices on Monday, consecutive weeks (twice a week) in the evening. Racquets

8:30 pm at Millennium HS Tennis T-shirt, and the

Fee: \$70 Resident; \$75 Non-resident



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#### Mad Science Night

<u>Detective Science</u> - 6pm -8pm Wednesday, June 2nd. Family fun night involves both parent and child where children will make their very own Child Identification Kit! Discover how science is used to solve real crimes! Watch as the classroom is transformed into a crime lab for this exciting exploration of the fundamentals of forensics. It's so much fun, it's criminal. Fee: \$10 per resident child/parents free; \$15 Non-resident child/parents free

### Adult Classes

#### Aerobics

Aerobics Monday - 6 pm

8-week class for adults begins June 7th.

Group Exercise: This is an introductory class to various aerobic and anaerobic exercises. It will require the execution of aerobic routines lead by the instructor for the duration of the class. The session will focus on toning the muscles, increasing heart rate, and flexibility and incorporate movements, variables, and skills. A segment of the class will touch on some elements of Pilates and Yoga.

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Intermediate Karate 7 pm-8 pm, Thursday 8-week class starts on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Ages 6 and up. This class is for students that have already been introduced to karate where they learn self-defense and other moves and techniques on a more advanced level. No uniform required.

Fee: \$45 Resident; \$50 Non-resident

# Other Summer Recreation from the West Valley Fine Arts Council

#### Missoula Children's Theatre

Children can experience the magic of theatre with a week-long residency led by this internationally acclaimed theatre troupe. Youth are invited to audition for up to 60 cast roles and backstage positions for a full-scale, modern musical production of the classic fairy tale, "The Frog Prince." The program will end with a public performance for family and friends!

Registration Fee: \$60 payable day of auditions (only if child is selected).

**Auditions:** Monday, June 14, 10 am SHARP - till noon.

**Two Performances:** Sat., June 19 at 3 pm and 7 pm

Location: Millennium High School Audititorium,

**Rehearsals:** Monday, June 14 -- 12:30 - 2:30 pm.;

Tuesday, June 15 through June 18 --

Goodyear, AZ.

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#### Young@Art Academy

This two-week academy travels back in time to rediscover the secrets and styles of the master artists. Students will study major art movements like impressionism, Cubanism, Pop Art and more -- all while gaining inspiration and borrowing techniques used by the masters to create and define their own style. Explore drawing, painting, mixed media and more.

**Dates:** July 12 - 23 **Time:** Full-day and half-day options available

Please call WVFAC at 623.935.6384 for location and more information.

All classes in this catalog are held at the Goodyear Community Center 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd. (unless specified in the description)

For more information, please call Aquatics and Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Torre at 623-882-7531 or Recreation Programmer Dorothy Blakley at 623-882-7534 or visit the website at www.goodyearaz.gov.



Goodyear City Council (L to R): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak, Ken Porter and Frank

### **Council Calendar** & City Holidays

City Council Meetings and Work Sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

> Mon., May 10 Council Meeting - 6 p.m.

Mon., May 17 1st Budget Work Session - 5 p.m.

Wed., May 19 **Public Meeting on** FY 2004-05 Budget - 6 p.m. 190 N. Litchfield Rd. - Room 117

> Mon., May 24 Council Meeting - 6 p.m.

Mon., May 31 **Memorial Day Holiday** - City Hall closed -**Contained Trash** No service. Monday routes will be collected Tuesday. Tuesday routes will be collected Wednesday. **Uncontained Trash** No service. Monday routes will be collected the following Monday.

Tues., June 1\* **2nd Budget Work Session** on FY 2004-05 Budget (if needed) - 6 p.m.

> Mon., June 7 Work Session - 5 p.m.

\*Tuesday due to Monday holiday

## You Don't Have to Know a Crime **Victim to Help**

Everyday someone in our city is victimized. It may be a member of your family, a

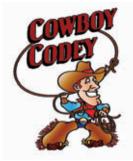
friend, a co-worker or even you. Hopefully, you won't have to wait until you know someone to ask, "How can I help?" Find out now how you can help crime victims in the City of Goodyear.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, bring your brown bag lunch to City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Road at noon for a one-hour presentation by Terri Woodmansee, Goodyear Police Department Crisis Services Coordinator. She will present a short video from the Office for Victims of Crime, discuss victims of all crimes and then talk about how volunteers can help. Materials on crime victimization and community resources will be available. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to 623-882-7677 by May 7th.

# **City of Goodyear** Receives Excellent O.S.H.A. Report

Goodyear recently received final notification of the results of a 12-day Safety and Health (O.S.H.A.).

The inspector interviewed 40 City employees and shared with Dean Coughenour, Goodyear Risk Aversion supported for any training they need, and that it is a safe work environment.



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Lately I have noticed that there has been an increase in graffiti in our neighborhoods. In New York City, sociologists coined a phrase the "Broken Window Syndrome." Along big industrial corridors they discovered that if a single window was broken, it quickly escalated

into additional broken windows and other vandalism. Yet by repairing the single window quickly, future damage was avoided. Most importantly, the public's perception about safety and neighborhood values rose. Graffiti works the same way. One small graffiti scribbling may not appear threatening. However, it entices other vandals to do likewise in nearby areas. Any graffiti, no matter how small, needs immediate attention. To wait is to feed the broken window syndrome and jump start the spiral of neighborhood decline.

#### TIPS TO HELP PREVENT GRAFFITI

Improve lighting on your property. If graffiti is a problem in your alley, consider installing motion detector lights on your house. Keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. Pay special attention to individuals or groups who are loitering. If it appears they are about to apply graffiti, call 911.

Report all incidents of damage to your property. Reporting is important because it may be possible to identify patterns through accumulated reports, helping police deal with the problem. The owner of the property can also report the incident to the Police Department at 623-932-1220 or to the Community Initiatives Department at 623-882-7808.

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# STOP THOSE LEAKS!

Historically, May is the month with the lowest precipitation of the year - typically only one rainy day. This is why it is so important to **stop those water leaks!** 

Leaky toilets are sometimes hard to detect, but testing for a leak is easy. Place a few drops of food coloring in your tank. If it leaks into your bowl, then you have a leak.

Undetected leaks outdoors can waste even more water. So check your drip and irrigation system monthly at this time of year.

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What should you do if you find a leak? You can either fix it yourself or call your local plumber or landscaper to stop the leak.

Remember, saving water is everyone's business and every drop counts!

#### **Recycling Fast Facts**



Every ton of paper made from recycled materials saves 17 trees, 6,953 gallons of water, 463 gallons of oil, 3.06 cubic yards of landfill space, 4,077 kilowatt hours of electricity, and 587 pounds of air pollution. (Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

# Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone 623-882-7752. TTY 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.

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# Your Opinion Counts s on how we may better serve you. It

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338, or e-mail to Ldillard @goodyearaz.gov.

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Comments (please print)		
Name	Phone	
Address	E-mail	

# Goodyear Police K-9 Unit Wins 3rd Place!



Police Officer Rick Melrose and K-9 Boris and Officer Sean Clarke and K-9 Robbie

Goodyear's Police K-9 Unit recently placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 2nd Annual Desert Dogs Police K-9 Trials.
Goodyear's unit is made up of Officer Rick Melrose and K-9 Robbie and Officer/K-9 Trainer Sean Clarke and K-9 Boris.

This year, 48 K-9 teams competed including agencies from Arizona, Utah, California, Colorado and Massachusetts as well as the U.S. Military, U.S. Customs, U.S. Forestry Service, U.S. Border Patrol and Private Security agencies. The K-9 teams competed in Narcotics Detection, Bomb Detection, Tactical Obstacles, Tactical Obedience, Building Search, Area Search and Handler Protection.

Additionally, Rick Melrose and K-9 Boris placed 2nd in Narcotics Detection and 2nd in Area Search. Sean Clarke and K-9 Robbie placed 3rd in Top Dog and 6th in Tactical Obedience.



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